

KENTUCKY LICENSING BOARD OF HEARING INSTRUMENT SPECIALISTS  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES

February 13, 2015  
1:30 p.m.

A regular Board meeting of the Kentucky Licensing Board for Specialists in Hearing Instruments was held at the Office of Occupations and Professions located at 911 Leawood Drive in Frankfort, KY.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Larry Naiser  
Gerry Gordon-Brown  
Lisa Nelson Brown  
Michael Stone  
Steven Clark  
Rebecca Hensley  
William J. Brown  
Peter Pearlman

**OCCUPATIONS & PROFESSIONS STAFF**

Amy Parker, Board Administrator

**OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL**

Ryan Halloran, Acting Board Attorney

**BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT**

Arun Gadre, M.D.

**GUESTS**

None

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Stone called the meeting to order at 1:35 PM.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes from the December 4, 2014 meeting were reviewed. Mr. Naiser made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Pearlman seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

The financial reports for December and January were reviewed.

**OCCUPATIONS AND PROFESSIONS REPORT**

Ms. Parker reported the recent changes in staffing at O & P, including the promotion of Robin Vick as the Administrative Section Supervisor and the addition of Michael Head as an attorney for the Attorney General's office.

Ms. Parker reminded the Board that all members, visitors, and guests should use the parking lot across from the O & P office.

Other items discussed include the upcoming memorandum of agreement to be signed for the fiscal year 2016 and the continued progress of the online renewal system.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Ms. Nelson Brown gave an update on this year's renewal progress including how many renewals received were incomplete and pending as well as how many licenses had failed to renew thus far.

Ms. Nelson Brown initiated a discussion regarding the upcoming April Board meeting and exams and the implications for next year. Ms. Nelson Brown made a motion to allow any apprentice approved at the 2015 April meeting sit for the 2016 April exams upon request with the understanding that licensure cannot be granted until after the full year apprenticeship. Ms. Hensley seconded the motion and the motion carried.

The Board discussed continuing education requirements for late renewals due to several recent inquiries. The Board agreed that the law does not give an exception on continuing education requirements for those renewing past their grace period and before the two year allowance period for renewal. Licensees must obtain the required ten continuing education hours for each year pursuant to 201 KAR 7:075.

Mr. Clark discussed the exams and current scoring methods. The Board agreed the current scoring methods were appropriate and no changes would be made to the exams or scoring methods at this time.

### **COMPLAINTS**

After discussion of the implications of the responses in cases 2014-02 and 2014-03, the Complaints Committee made a motion to allow the attorney to further investigate and research. Mr. Pearlman seconded the motion. Mr. Stone and Ms. Nelson Brown recused themselves from the Board vote. Mr. Naiser abstained from the vote. The motion carried.

A closed complaint case was brought before the Board with new information. The Complaints Committee made a motion to have the Board's attorney send information regarding criminal activity to the county attorney pursuant to 201 KAR 7:100 Section 3(5). The motion was seconded by Mr. Pearlman and it carried unanimously.

### **APPLICATIONS**

Mr. Naiser motioned to approve the following applications:

- Brittany Byrum – Approved as an apprentice under the sponsorship of Pamela Ison-Glover.
- Anthony Wilson – Approved as an apprentice under the sponsorship of Danny Enright.

Mr. Pearlman seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mr. Brown motioned to approve the following application:

- Jay Turner – Approved to sit for exams 04/24/2015.

Ms. Nelson Brown seconded the motion and it carried.

Mr. Pearlman motioned to approve the following supervision changes:

- Kathryn Dukes – Approved sponsor change from Chad Seaton to Bruce Campagna.
- David Riney – Approved sponsor change from Greg Thompson to Chet Partin.
- Lisa Schultz – Approved sponsor change from Robert Holland to Lisa Hinton.

Ms. Gordon-Brown seconded the motion and it carried.

Mr. Pearlman motioned to approve the following application:

- Benjamin Ferguson – Approved renewal of Apprentice Permit to expire 12/06/2015.

Ms. Hensley seconded the motion and it carried.

The Audit Committee motioned for the following actions to be granted:

- Aynsley Holzen – Granted a \$200.00 refund to withhold renewal at this time.
- Mary San Miguel – Granted a six month extension to obtain remaining continuing education hours.
- Steven Flanagan – Granted a six month extension to obtain remaining continuing education hours.

Mr. Clark seconded the motion and it carried.

### **APPROVAL OF TRAVEL AND PER DIEM**

Mr. Pearlman motioned to approve travel and per diem. Ms. Nelson Brown seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

### **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Mr. Stone opened the floor for nominations. Ms. Hensley nominated Mr. Naiser for Chairman. Ms. Nelson Brown nominated Mr. Clark for Chairman. Voting was completed; Mr. Clark was elected to serve as Chairman of the Board after a voting count of five to three. Mr. Naiser, by default, was elected Vice Chairman of the Board.

Mr. Pearlman motioned for Ms. Nelson Brown to continue acting as Board Secretary. Ms. Gordon-Brown seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mr. Pearlman made a motion to thank Mr. Stone for his service as chairman for the Board. Ms. Nelson Brown seconded the motion and it carried.

Mr. Clark reassigned the committees as follows:

Mr. Clark and Mr. Pearlman assigned to the Complaints Committee.

Mr. Naiser and Mr. Brown assigned to the Applications Committee.

Ms. Nelson Brown would remain on the Audit Committee.

#### **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 23, 2015. The Complaints Committee will meet at 12:30 p.m. with the regular meeting of the Board beginning at 1:30 p.m.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Having no further business before the Board, Mr. Pearlman made a motion that the meeting would be adjourned at 3:25 p.m. The motion was seconded by Ms. Nelson Brown and carried.

Minutes Prepared by  
Amy Parker, Board Administrator  
March 18, 2015